

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

"THE LITTLE CATHEDRAL OF METHODISM"

CALVARY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

N. Bentz Street and W. Second Streets

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED

___YES UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ENTERTAINMENT

☒ RELIGIOUS

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

FND-1018

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Calvary Methodist Church is a tall, two story high ediface, eight bays wide, three bays in depth in the chancel area, and two bays in depth for the nave section with one story isle extensions on either side. This is accented by a stone tower being one bay square and four stories high projecting out from the front of the building at the rear of the nave in the eighth bay from the right. To the left of the tower is a two story chapel and office section of two bays wide and extending six bays to the rear. To the left of this section is a two story classroom-auditorium section, seven bays wide and approximately five bays in depth. The entire front and sides of the building are faced with rock faced blocks of Indiana limestone laid in a Random Aslar course. Low pediments rise before the various gabled extensions and ends of the church and wings. The flat topped English style stone tower is reinforced by piers at the corners and is pierced in the top section by tall, Gothic arched mullioned apertures ornamented by stone tracery similar to the church windows. The stone cornice above is embellished by carved busts of the twelve apostles, three on each side. Placques with religious symbols adorn the sills. All front entrances and windows of the church are Gothic arched. The cornerstone lies to the right of the main entrance (in the tower) and is inscribed, 1770-1929 and "*The foundation of God standeth sure.*" The large front doors are of wood, done in a medieval styling and have wrought metal trim. A tall section of three mullioned traceried Gothic windows accent the south end and light the chancel with stained leaded glass. This beautifully crafted stone tracery is further enhar by symbols cut in stone below these windows and portray a candelabra "Menorah," a pelican type sea bird and a staff with entwined serpent. These symbols rest on an opened scroll or "Torah." The whole is topped by a stone cross "Flory." The church interior is also very attractive with carved wood and stonework, beautifully stained glass and crafted lighting fixtures. Stained glass chapel windows are either of 1930 vintage or recycled from the old church on E. Church Street. The classroom-auditorium wings to the left are lighted by mullioned, triple windows, each with ten small panes. The building is protected by a moderate slope, slate "A" frame roof. Front and sidewalls are reinforced by carved stone watertables. There are attractive foundation plantings. A medieval style, 16th century English Tudor cottage reproduction adjoins and serves as the parsonage.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
Dedicated 9/14/1930		Newer education built in rear-1960			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This congregation traces its origin to the original meeting of the devout to organize a Methodist denomination in this area in the year 1770. A rather crude church was built, later replaced by a Victorian Gothic edifice on E. Church Street in 1865*. The site is now occupied by a parking deck. The model for this church is said to be the Enclid Avenue Methodist Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

*Enlarged in 1910

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

DOUGLAS M. GREENE

ORGANIZATION

*ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY of FREDERICK, MD. 21701*

DATE

MAY 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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